

City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

June 7, 2022

4:30 PM

Call to Order - Mayor Brunner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Kalantari-Johnson (via Zoom), Golder (via Zoom), Cummings (via Zoom), Brown (via Zoom), Meyers (via Zoom, left at 6:05 p.m.); Vice Mayor Watkins (via Zoom); Mayor Brunner (via Zoom).

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager M. Huffaker (via Zoom), Assistant City Manager L. Schmidt (via Zoom), City Attorney T. Condotti (via Zoom), Interim Director of Finance B. Magee (via Zoom), Fire Chief R. Oatey (via Zoom), Chief of Police B. Escalante (via Zoom), Deputy City Clerk Administrator J. Wood, City Clerk Administrator B. Bush (via Zoom).

General Business

1. CORE Funding Recommendations (CM)

Assistant City Manager L. Schmidt introduced the item.

Randy Morris, Human Services Director with the County of Santa Cruz, and Kimberly Petersen, Program Manager with the County of Santa Cruz, gave a presentation and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Brunner opened the public comment period. The following people spoke.

SPEAKING VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Helen Ewan-Storey
Karen Delaney
Father Joseph Jacobs
Reverend Beth Love
Unidentified person

General Business (continued)1. CORE Funding Recommendations (CM) (continued)SPEAKING VIA TELECONFERENCE (continued):

Unidentified person
Raymon Cancino
David Bianchi

Mayor Brunner closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Councilmember Golder moved, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, to:

- Approve Recommended Awards from the Collective of Results and Evidence-based (CORE) Investments Request for Proposals (RFP) process; and
- Approve Agreement between City of Santa Cruz (City) and County of Santa Cruz (County) related to CORE funding and contract administration; and
- Direct staff to return to the Council on June 28, 2022 with final CORE contract awards; and
- Direct staff to return on or before February 28, 2023 with an update on the evaluation of the CORE RFP process and community stakeholder process; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the County of Santa Cruz to administer the jointly-funded CORE contracts, reporting and funding distribution.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Kalantari-Johnson requested to add: Direct City staff to explore transition plans with organizations that are being recommended to not be funded and report back. Councilmember Golder and Vice Mayor Watkins accepted.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Kalantari-Johnson, Golder; Vice Mayor Watkins; Mayor Brunner (with the exception of the Harm Reduction Coalition allocation).
NOES: Councilmembers Cummings, Brown; Mayor Brunner (regarding the Harm Reduction Coalition allocation).
ABSENT: Councilmember Meyers.
DISQUALIFIED: None.

General Business (continued)

1. CORE Funding Recommendations (CM) (continued)

Due to the absence of a Councilmember, there was a tie vote regarding the Harm Reduction allocation and action will be continued to the June 28, 2022 Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Cummings moved, seconded by Mayor Brunner to incorporate the submissions whose funding are not being renewed into the budget conversations for consideration.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Kalantari-Johnson, Golder, Cummings, Brown; Vice Mayor Watkins; Mayor Brunner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Meyers.
DISQUALIFIED: None.

Adjournment - The City Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: ss/Julia Wood, Deputy City Clerk Administrator,
ATTEST: ss/Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator, APPROVED: ss/Sonja Brunner, Mayor.